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SUBJECT: TRANSSHIPMENT OF ALASKAN OIL THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL,
SEPTEMBER 1, MEETING

REF: A) STATE 230796; B) PANAMA 5941

1. ON SEPTEMBER 27, COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED PARA 4 REF A)
WITH NORTHVILLE'S LEGAL REP JAIME A. ARIAS C. OF LAW FIRM
GALINDO, ARIAS & LOPEZ.

2. NORTHVILLE REPORT ACCURATE. ACCORDING TO ARIAS, NOT ONLY
SOHIO, BUT ALSO ANY OTHER OIL COMPANY ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT
WITH PETRO TERMINAL S.A. (REF B) IS PROHIBITED FROM MARKETING
ALASKAN OIL IN PANAMA. CURRENTLY, GOP CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ARE ON
THE SPOT AROUND THE CLOCK MAKING SURE THAT THIS IS STRICTLY
ENFORCED.

3. AT COUNSELOR'S REQUEST, ARIAS PROMISED TO MAKE AVAILABLE
A COPY OF THE ENGLISH TEXT OF THE GOP/NORTHVILLE AGREEMENT. A
REPRODUCED COPY OF THIS TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE "GACETA
OFFICIAL" OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1977, WHICH PUBLISHED THE SAID AGREE-
MENT, WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT SHORTLY.

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4. ARIAS FULLY AWARE OF PROBLEM RAISED BY PROVISIONS
OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT (REF A) AND LOOKS FORWARD
TO PROMPT DEPT OF COMMERCE RULING WHICH WOULD PERMIT
GOP/NORTHVILLE TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH THEIR PROJECTED
ONSHORE TRANSSHIPMENT FACILITY AT PUERTO ARMUELLES (REF B).

5. WITH REGARD TO THE VARIOUS OPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED
AT DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MEETINGS CONCERNING
THE APPLICABILITY OF EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT,
THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS STRONGLY AGAINST OPTION OF
DECLARING CANAL ZONE TO BE UNITED STATES TERRITORY THEREBY
MAKING PANAMA AN ADJACENT COUNTRY, EVEN IF QUALIFIED "FOR
PURPOSES OF THE ACT" OR LIMITED IN TIME, SUCH ARGUMENTATION
OBVIOUSLY CONTRADICTS U.S. POLICY IN NEGOTIATION OF NEW
CANAL TREATIES AND WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO EFFORTS TO
OBTAIN SENATE APPROVAL.
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